



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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AUGUST 29, 2005

Dry With Lots of Sunshine

Weather conditions last week were dry with lots of sunshine which allowed farmers to cut and bale hay. **Alfalfa hay** is 87 percent complete for the 3rd cutting and 30 percent complete for the 4th cutting. Early-season **corn for grain** is beginning to be harvested. **Soybeans** are progressing well with a few fields beginning to turn color. There were **6.2 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 2 percent, 6 percent fair, 90 percent good and 2 percent excellent

Pasture was rated 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 15 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 8 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	45	40	28	20
Cantaloupes	82	72	80	80
Cucumbers	88	87	72	73
Lima Beans (processed)	70	69	63	45
Peaches	84	74	82	83
Potatoes	78	67	80	89
Snap Beans	92	91	92	80
Sweet Corn	85	82	98	84
Tomatoes	73	62	75	71
Watermelons	75	65	79	71
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Blooming	88	80	95	88
Soybeans Setting pods	68	54	85	72
Corn Dough	79	67	92	81
Corn Dent	38	22	68	51
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	87	87	85	81
Alfalfa Hay 4 th	30	23	22	27
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	43	38	63	52

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	8	37	54	1
Topsoil (2004)	2	12	78	8
Five Year Average	9	15	68	8
Subsoil Moisture	9	31	59	1
Subsoil (2004)	2	5	86	7
Five Year Average	14	12	68	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.14	33.41	6.13	92	56	73	-2
Easton	0.37	31.28	1.55	92	57	73	-2
Frederick	0.15	28.01	1.89	91	55	71	2
Frostburg	1.00	27.24	-5.33	81	51	65	-2
Hagerstown	0.40	21.03	-4.77	89	54	70	-3
Mechanicsville	0.40	29.46	-0.83	90	56	71	-3
Patuxent River	0.01	29.91	1.77	92	61	75	2
Ocean City	0.06	31.22	0.34	92	57	74	1
Salisbury	0.09	33.25	2.33	91	50	71	-4
Sharpsburg	0.39	23.72	-2.40	92	49	68	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.49	29.20	3.50	94	62	76	-2
Delaware							
Dover	0.22	33.93	4.52	91	57	74	-2
Georgetown	0.02	30.23	0.23	92	56	75	2
Wilmington	0.20	25.61	-1.84	91	56	74	1

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